Conference ordered the moderator to appoint a committee of two to revise the old or to prepare new forms of ministerial credentials. A. D. Gnagey and J. C. Mackey appointed.

A verbal report of the board of elders was made.

The report of the Ministerial Examining Board was made by the chairman. The report as follows was adopted:

To the Brethren Conference,—During the past conference year there have been ordained to the eldership four brethren. E. D. Burnworth at Glenford, O., by J. C. Mackey, on Oct. 16, 1900. William Beachler at Miamisburg, O., by J. C. Mackey, on November 29, 1900. C. Orville Witter and Dyoll Belote at Ashland, O., by J. A. Miller and W. D. Furry, on May 26, 1901.

Signed by the Board,

J. Allen Miller,
J. C. Mackey,
J. L. Kimmel.

The secretary next made a statistical report. The report was not full inasmuch as a number of congregations failed to report.

Conference ordered that hereafter the pastors present a parochial report to conference direct and in case of the pastor's inability to attend the conference said report to be sent to the secretary.

A. D. Gnagey and J. A. Miller were appointed a committee to formulate a blank form for such parochial report.

The form of Ministerial Certificate recommended by the committee was adopted.

Ministerial Certificate

This is to certify that———is a regularly ordained minister and member in good standing and full communion with the Brethren church at——— and is recommended by this congregation to the Ohio Conference for approval of license as an ordained elder.

Signed this———day of———19—.

Approved by ———Secretary
———Moderator } Ohio ———Deacon
———Secretary } Conference. ———Deacon

J. L. Kimmel, president of the Mission Board made a verbal statement of the work at Dayton.

The reports of the secretary and the treasurer of the Mission Board were read. The reports submitted to the following committee to audit the same,—D. F. Eikenberry, S. B. Grisso and Alvin Byers. This committee reported as follows:

We your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the secretary and treasurer of the Mission Board have on examination found them correct and recommend their adoption. Signed. Report adopted.

The reports show the total receipts for the year to have been $234.26. The total expenditures $164.97. Cash balance on hand $69.29.

J. C. Mackey read an able paper on Christian Education. Wm. Beachler read a paper prepared on the same subject by Prof. L. L. Garber. The general discussion was carried on by Miller, Gnagey, Beachler and Eikenberry. At this juncture an appeal was made for endowment pledges. $1200 was pledged.

Adjourned. Benediction.

FOURTH SESSION

Devotional exercises were conducted by G. W. Rench.

The subject, the need of a catechism for the Brethren church was next discussed. Discussion opened by A. D. Gnagey. D. F. Eikenberry read a well prepared paper upon the same topic. C. F. Yoder also participated in the discussion.

A. D. Gnagey led a conference on Sunday-school work. A very interesting and helpful discussion followed.

Adjourned. Benediction.

FIFTH SESSION

C. F. Yoder conducted the devotional exercises, reading Luke 5.

The Ministerial Certificate of O. L. Brown of the Kanemorado district was presented and accepted. Conference ordered to grant him a certificate from the Ohio district.

Report of the superannuated minister's fund received from sister Mary Wise was read and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Total amount received from all sources $21.93. The same was sent sister Alice Augustine, National Treasurer S. S. C. E.

Conference decided to meet next year at Ashland.

Conference proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year. The result of the election was as follows: Moderator, J. C. Mackey; vice moderator, M. S. White; secretary, William Beachler; assistant secretary, S. B. Grisso; board of pastoral aid, C. O. Witter; ministerial examining board, J. L. Kimmel; mission board, E. J. Worst, treasurer, J. D. Findley, secretary; trustees of Ashland University, (for three years,) J. D. Findley, A. D. Gnagey, F. L. Garber. To take the place of J. M. Bowman for one year David Baily. Executive Committee,—A. D. Gnagey, J. A. Miller, Wm. Beachler.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows: We your committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

1 In consideration of the excellent entertainment and courtesy of the Bryan congregation and other Christian workers of this city to us extended resolved that we extend to them our heartfelt thanks.

2 Resolved that we extend our thanks to the several officers of this conference for the faithful discharge of their duties.

3 That we express our appreciation to the Brethren from Indiana for the helpfulness they have rendered to us in this conference.

4 That we as a conference place ourselves on record as directly opposed to the traffic and use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Signed by committee. Report adopted.

Wm. Beachler read a strong paper on the subject, How to induce young men to enter the ministry. The subject was farther discussed by J. L. Kimmel and W. H. Miller.

The question of Ohio Home Mission work was next considered. The subject was discussed by J. A. Miller, A. D. Gnagey and O. L. Brown. After an open conference it was agreed that the churches should raise $400 for the work the coming year. The following committee was appointed to apportion this amount to the several congregations,—J. A. Miller, A. D. Gnagey and E. J. Worst. The following is the apportionment as agreed upon by the conference upon the recommendation by the committee.

It is earnestly hoped that every congregation will heartily and willingly respond. The amount is not large and it will enable the board to answer calls so far unheeded.

Ashland,	$ 36	Ankenytown,	$21 00
Fair Haven,	21	N. Liberty,	13 50
Homer,	21	Buckeye City,	13 50
Zion Hill,	13	Glenford,	17 50
Louisville,	26	Mt. Zion,	6 00
Middle Branch,	21	Fairview,	26 00
N. Georgetown,	16	Gratis,	19 00
Morrison's Grove,	6	Miamisburg,	19 00
Bryan,	11	Bear Creek,	21 00
Bethesda,	11	W. Alexandria,	13 50
W. Independence,	6	Farmersville,	9 00
Gretna,	13 50	Pleasant Hill,	12 00
Williamstown,	13 50		

Adjourned. Benediction.

SIXTH SESSION

Conference convened at the usual time. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. H. Miller. Conference amended the constitution for its government as follows: The name "Board of Elders" wherever it may occur is changed to the name "Board of Pastoral Aid."

The report of the committee to which the Dayton petition was referred was next heard. The report was in the form of a resolution which was adopted as follows: Resolved, that the petition certain Dayton Brethern presented to this Conference be referred to the Board of Pastoral Aid and Ohio Mission Board of such action as in their judgment may seem to the best interest of these Brethren and to the Brotherhood at large.

Conference ordered that hereafter all delegates, Ministerial and lay, pay fifty cents each, and that all ministers not attending the Conference send fifty cents with their credential. Said funds to be used to defray the expenses of Conference.

On Saturday evening J. A. Miller delivered an address on The need of more thorough Bible study. Final adjournment.

The pulpits of the leading Bryan churches were filled on Sunday, June 9, by the Brethren.

J. L. Kimmel, Moderator.
J. A. Miller, Secretary.

Notice

If Brethren or others coming to the Pan-American Exposition will write me ten days in advance I will secure for them lodging in comfortable Christian homes if desired. Rates will be $1 a day each or $1.25 with breakfast. This in a pleasant part of the city and with good street car service to the Exposition.

John E. Strayer.

107 Barton St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Married

OBERHOLTZER—BEEKLY.—Brother Harvey M. Oberholtzer and sister Hattie Pearl Beekly were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents near Ashland, O., on May 22, 1901. May happiness and success attend them.

J. A. Miller.

Died

DEETER.—Cornelius H. Deeter was born May 18, 1841, in Miami Co., Ohio, and died June 18, 1901, in Norton Co., Kans., aged 60 years and 1 month. He served his country as a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting Dec 3, 1861, in Co. B., 11th O. V I., and was honorably discharged Dec. 3, 1864. He leaves a faithful wife and nine children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. Interred in Maple Grove cemetery near Rockwell City, Kans.

W. R. Deeter.

POLING.—Nancy Hufford was born near Bremen, Ohio, June 6, 1860. She died at Roseville, O., June 24, 1901, aged 41 years and 18 days. She was married to Edwin S. Poling Jan. 30, 1890. Sister Poling leaves a little daughter but six years old, five brothers and five sisters. She was a devoted Christian and was anxious for the end to come. Her husband made arrangements for her burial services, little thinking he would precede her and yonder wait seven weeks for his wife to come. Truly in life we are in the midst of death. Sermon from II Tim. 4: 6 8, by her request. Interment took place at Mt. Zion cemetery in the presence of a concourse of friends. Services conducted by writer assisted by Rev. Stewart of Methodist church and Rev. Bagwell of German Baptist church.

E. D. Burnworth.